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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
NOVEMBER 19, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to the November 19, 2002 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 19, 2002 Office Action is due February 19, 2003. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claim 89 is pending and under examination in the subject application. No claim has been added, canceled, or amended herein. Accordingly, claim 89 is still pending and under examination.

In view of the remarks below, applicant maintains that the Examiner's rejections and objection have been overcome, and respectfully requests that they be withdrawn.